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ENGLAND HELPS SITUATION

Lloyd George's order forbidding the importation of many articles of food comes at an opportune time. When wheat was nearing the \$2.00 mark Germany got busy and knocked the price down for us some twenty cents a bushel, and now just when the speculators have their hands, literally, on the throats of the American people, England comes to our relief, and by curtailing imports leaves the speculators with stocks on hand they will have to find market for at home.

The effect this curtailment is likely to have is shown by the figures as to exports from this country affected by the order. In 1916 we sent to England 874,587 barrels of apples and 1,163,641 pounds of dried apples, and these are now prohibited. The importation of canned salmon is ordered cut in half, and in 1916 this country shipped to England this product of the value of more than eleven million dollars.

Of the foodstuffs prohibited or greatly reduced there are in New York and at other points large stores awaiting shipment, which will have to be thrown on the market. This should tend to reduce prices on those products at least, not only because of the stock on hand but because the market will be shut off from further shipments, with no other to absorb these especial products.

The car shortage on the Southern Pacific in Oregon was not due to Germany's new submarine policy. It was more acute last fall than it is now and was mainly due to the fact that the railroad company always favors California first, Washington second and Oregon last. What cars are left after the other states are fully supplied are shifted to Oregon after we have kicked about so long and so hard. This is most clearly shown by the fact that while our industries were suffering most for cars California and Washington had nothing to complain of in this respect.

England certainly uses some beer, Lloyd George in stating the things that must be done to conserve the food supply stated that "brewing will be limited to ten million barrels a year in order to save 600,000 tons of foodstuffs now used in that industry." This shows that this 600,000 tons is used, or has been, in making the quantity of beer above the ten million barrels permitted to be made.

This foreign trade business is a queer one. Most of the time we are making strenuous efforts to increase our markets and enlarge our trade. Just now the loss of a large part of the trade of our best customer is considered a benefit, and we are glad of it.

The Germans have not been doing anything in the way of talking lately, which leads to the suspicion that they are up to some new trick. It is noticed that after every period of silence they break out in a new place.

Lloyd George's order concerning importations shows that England as well as Germany is feeling the food shortage. It also shows that Great Britain is stripping for a fight to a finish.

If suddenly acquired wealth caused cabbages to have swelled heads, as it does some folks, they would have to comb their hair with a garden rake.

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WAR, A FLIMSY EXCUSE

One of the vice-presidents of a leading Chicago packing house discussing the unheard of prices of food stuffs recently said, and he put his finger on the center of the cause in so saying, that "Speculators, retailers and others are using the war argument as a flimsy excuse for pinching the consumer. And of course everybody has to get his fingers into the pie." That is about all there is to it. We have accumulated some billions of European gold in the hands of the few, and the whole country has gone money mad. We can't eat gold, but in our craze for wealth, a craze that extends to nearly all, we are willing to starve our own people. There are thousands of tons of foodstuffs on the wharves and in the warehouses of the big export cities awaiting shipping to Europe, so that we can get more gold, and we close our ears to the cry of those who are left hungry and helpless almost within sight of these vast stores of food.

The fact that all kinds of foodstuffs suddenly jumped to unheard of prices shows that a concerted movement has been made to bring about this condition. It is to be hoped the investigation being set in motion will disclose at least some of these arch conspirators. If found and proved guilty, their sentence should be to be taken into the tenement districts with a placard on their backs showing what they had done, and then turned over to the women of that district and then forgotten.

The once lowly spud can now make eyes at the haughty onion and propose matrimony. Between them they can afford to set up an establishment and employ a chauffeur.

A man with an onion breath these days should be able to cash a check at any old bank without identification.



HARD TO PLEASE

When August days are hot, all dreamily we drool, "Is there no shady spot, where mortals may be cool? Is there no drift of snow, no cavern in the ice, where sweating man may go, and there feel cool and nice?" Heat costs us nothing then, all free the solar frills; and e'en the poorest men may roast and pay no bills. We, in December days, all charged with frost and sleet, remember, in amaze, how we abused free heat. It's when we spend our roll, our meager savings all, to buy some brunette coal, our folly we recall. It's hard to realize that once we knocked free heat, and shed from weary eyes, the briny, and repeat. Our blessings should suffice all grouches to destroy; today we have free ice but do we whoop with joy? Are smiles serene and sweet upon our mugs, my son? We weep because our heat costs seven bones a ton. Thus ever and always we overlook good luck, and find some grief today, o'er which to paw and buck.

SALEM EXTENDS

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It has been. The final point is perhaps the greatest. Communion. Prayer is the most practical thing in the world. To get in touch with God, to be with Him, it is only necessary to approach Him in prayer.

Splendid Song Service. After Dr. Poling's address, the young people of the city entertained the visitors, getting acquainted and assisting them to get acquainted. Mr. Poling left for the Congregational church immediately after he finished at the Christian church, and gave the overflow meeting a brief synopsis of his former address.

Dr. White spoke on the subject of "The Coming King," at the meeting at the Congregational church, dwelling particularly on the second coming of the Lord, and the question of how the gospel shall be received until He should come.

He showed some of the practical values of the gospel, as an incentive to the unrepentant, as a motive to personal holiness as a call to vigilance, and as a consolation in sorrow.

The song services of the convention are being led by the biggest C. E. live-wires in the state, Harold Hamberg, whose song, "Savior Divine," has been adopted as the official convention song. Putting the "pop" of youth into his leadership, he brought forth a most wonderful chorus of voices in the singing of the old familiar hymns, "Sunshine in the Soul," "Faith of Our Fathers," "Stepping in the Light" and "Blessed Land." He will lead all the song services of the convention and will preside at the Christian church this evening at a rousing song fest.

In Honor of Leader. As a welcome to the delegates to the convention who are of the United Evangelical church, and as a greeting to Daniel A. Poling, associate president of the world's Christian Endeavor society, the ladies of the United Evangelical church served a four course banquet at the church parlors last night. Fully 50 were present. The rooms were decorated with the convention colors of purple and white, with hanging baskets of ivy. Bouquets of violets formed centerpieces for the tables.

Daniel A. Poling was the guest of honor, and as the banquet progressed, Victor Taylor, as toastmaster, called upon him for a toast. Mr. Poling spoke briefly on the need of making the Christian Endeavorers an integral part of the church. He was followed by Rev. Caves of Florence, Ore.; Rev. F. E. Fisher,

Rev. Gny Phelps and the local pastor, G. L. Lovell.

Dr. Poling's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Poling, and brother, C. S. Poling, of Corvallis, were present at the banquet.

Tonight will be the banquet night, this being the feature from 6 to 7:30, and four tenets have been prepared for the different sections of the workers. These include: The Methodist campaign banquet at the Methodist church, at which E. E. Polke will preside, and at which L. R. Carriek will speak; the Expert Banquet at the Congregational church, with Charles L. Garden presiding; the High School Student banquet, in charge of Ernie Torgerson, which will be held at the Baptist church, with Daniel A. Poling as the chief speaker, and the Nissions Program banquet, at the United Evangelical church, which will be addressed by Louise S. Dyer, Estella Ford presiding.

Tomorrow's Program. Commencing tomorrow's program with an early "Quiet Hour" at the Christian church, the convention will attend the biggest Sunday school ever held in the city. This will be at the state capitol, under the direction of Charles A. Phelps.

Church services will follow, the delegates choosing their own denomination. The afternoon session will consist of the afternoon session will be taken up with rallies, of which there are three, these being held at the Y. M. C. A., the Congregational and the Christian churches.

The great event of the day will come when the convention as a whole will assemble at the armory to hear the closing address, to be delivered by Daniel A. Poling. The program is as follows:

Sunday Morning. 6:30-7:30—Quiet hour. Dr. W. F. White, Christian church. 9:45-11:00—Convention Sunday school. Chas. A. Phelps, superintendent. Legislative chamber of state capitol. Class 1—Conventional evangelism. C. Hamilton. Class 2—The personal worker and his text book. Dr. White. Class 3—The Sunday school teacher as a personal worker. Miss Louise S. Dyer. Class 4—Life work recruits and personal work. Estella Ford. 11:00-12:00—Church services (Delegates to go where they choose.) Sunday Afternoon. 2:30-4:30—Afternoon rallies. Rally 1—For high school age boys. Y. M. C. A. I. R. Carriek, presiding. Address by Daniel A. Poling.

OUTLINE OF BOARD

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to the property owner, he can petition the county for payment of the same. The county shall be divided into road districts. Upon petition from 12 residents freeholders of any district for a change or improvement of a road, the county road master shall investigate it, and make surveys and estimates and report to the county court. If the county court sees fit it shall grant the petition, and have the desired improvements made.

Three freeholders of any road district may petition the county court at any time for the purpose of having the county court call a meeting of the legal voters of such district, the petition shall state the object of such a meeting. Any person 21 years old and paying taxes in the district shall have the right to vote. The resident tax payers in any district may have the right to vote an additional tax not to exceed 10 mills for the purpose of road improvement in that district, a meeting for voting such tax is to be held during the month of November. Due notice of such road district meetings is to be given to the tax payers.

Letting Road Contracts. Any job of project in road improvement or bridge construction costing \$2,000 or more shall be let by contract to the highest bidder. Jobs costing less may be constructed by day labor under the direction of the county road master. Specifications for such construction work or improvement or bridge work shall be prepared by the county road master or some other competent person. The county court may supply the material or part of the material and receive bids for the labor alone.

Annual Road Tax. The county court is empowered to levy an annual county road tax not to exceed 10 mills. The county court is also empowered to co-operate with the federal government in maintaining state highways, and in constructing and maintaining secondary highways. Seventy per cent of the taxes levied in a road district shall be expended in that district, the other 30 per cent to be spent

Market Just Drifts and Prices Crawl Down. New York, Feb. 24.—The New York Evening Sun financial review today said:

Continued uncertainty with respect to President Wilson's intentions about asking authorities from congress for the protection of American lives and property, in view of the German submarine menace, and the gravity of Great Britain's plans for the restriction of imports again gave the professional element on the floor of the stock exchange and in commodity houses an opportunity to exert bear pressure in today's market.

Trading was largely perfunctory, however, and quite devoid of interest or significance. Prices in the first hour were as unsettled as they could be in a market which merely drifted. Reductions ranged from a fraction to two points. At intervals in the second hour there was improvement and some stocks actually sold slightly above the previous closing level, but business was too sluggish to impart a definite trend. The railroad list was narrow in the extreme, now slightly up and again fractionally below.

There was but little animation in the late trading, and price changes were not far from Friday level.

Wheat Market Strong. Chicago, Feb. 24.—Wheat opened easy.

Rally 2—For high school age girls. Congregational church. Miss Edna Whipple, presiding. Address by Miss Louella S. Dyer. Rally 3—Mixed mass meeting. Christian church. Elbert Charman, presiding. Address by Dr. C. G. Doney.

Sunday Evening. 6:00-6:30—Pre-prayer service. Gertrude Eakin, Christian church. 6:30-7:00—Union Christian Endeavor. Elbert Charman, Christian church. 7:30-7:45—Intermission. 7:45-9:30—Closing address. Daniel A. Poling, Salem armory.

Butter is Cheaper. Elgin, Ill., Feb. 24.—All sales butter at 40 cents, a decrease of two cents from last week.

Hand Picked Wheat. Gervais, Ore. (Wacanda), Feb. 22.—Editor of the Capital Journal: On February 13 and 15 our largest gathering of Wacanda ladies favored Ella M. Finney by gathering at the home of Miss Hilma Elmore Ahlgren. Their coming together was a special favor, not the usual and society work but something so unusual that few could guess.

Marked is gentle. Mathes is friendly. Mrs. J. C. Savage is noble. Mrs. Lydia Keene is kind, Miss Ahlgren is all sunshine, Mrs. Indore Loran is so

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able, Mrs. Klump is energetic, Mrs. Finney is entertaining, Mrs. Ingram is amiable, Mrs. Kinley is genial, Mrs. Hubbard is pleasing, Mrs. Habert is delightful, Miss Audra Klump is adorable, Miss Violette Binkley is charming, Addie Park is sweet, Wilma Binkley good, Rachel Klump is a dear, Mrs. Aaron Nusome who wanted to come in a conversationalist, Mrs. Ellen Egan Whasney who helped me pick over wheat at home is very intelligent. With thanks and kind regards to all. ELLA M. FINNEY.

DE LUXE POTATO SPECIAL GUARDED. Denver.—A deluxe special train of 45 cars of Colorado potatoes, valued at \$25,000, left here today under guard for eastern points. A special watchman is in charge of each car. The shipments are destined to Kansas City, St. Louis, Chicago, Peoria, Cleveland and other eastern cities.

Sublimity Items

(Capital Journal Special Service) Sublimity, Feb. 24.—The members of St. Boniface society gave a very pleasant entertainment at the C. F. hall Sunday night, which was well attended. After listening to a fine program of singing and speaking in the lower floor, the crowd repaired upstairs, where end prayer was indulged in and refreshments were served. It was a late hour when the happy throng wended its way homeward, hoping to be given many more such pleasant evening by the members of St. Boniface society.

Considering the unpleasant weather on Monday night, a good sized crowd of young folks attended the dance at the C. F. hall. As this will be the last dance till after Easter it was an added inducement to be present. The Sublimity Dramatic club gave their final presentation of "A Cheerful Liar" at Jordan hall, Jordan, on Friday night of last week. They had a good attendance and gave entire satisfaction.

Vincent Pietrok an old time resident of Linn county was buried in the Catholic cemetery at this place on Thursday, Feb. 22. Rev. Father Laineck conducting the services. Mr. Pietrok died at his home east of Kingston on the 20th, at the age of 71 years. He was born in Siberia, coming to the United States when a young man. He was the father of 14 children, of whom 13 are still living, who, together with his wife are left to mourn his loss. Many of Mr. Pietrok's friends and neighbors attended the funeral.

MY HUSBAND AND I Jane Phelps

LOOSE ENDS. CHAPTER CLVI. We took a cab at the station and drove direct to the house. Kate was surprised and delighted to see us. "Mr. Hammond never said you would about your coming today ma'am, or I would have baked up for you." "He did not know we were coming. He will be as surprised as you were," I told her. "And he was!" "Why didn't you telegraph me as I told you?" he asked in an impatient voice. "I didn't think it could possibly make any difference," I replied, rather at a loss what to say to him. "After this do as I ask. I have a dinner engagement which will be embarrassing to break; however, I'll do so. I suppose Elsie is with you?" "Yes, so there is no necessity for you to break any engagement you have made," I coolly replied. "I will be home to dinner," he almost snapped, then hung up before I could reply. The remainder of the time before dinner I spent in looking the house over; consulting with Kate, etc. Just as the clock struck six, and before I was dressed, Clifford came in. "The Same Old Story." He greeted me as usual, a peck on the cheek, and an inquiry as to our journey. He welcomed Elsie pleasantly; and made much of Edith. Whenever I saw him and Edith together I felt almost guilty that I thought of separating them. Dinner passed off pleasantly enough, but as soon as we had finished coffee, Clifford remarked: "I was fortunately able to break my dinner engagement, but not the one for the evening. So Elsie will have to excuse me. I'm sorry to leave the first night you are with us, but it can't be helped." "Run along and don't mind me!" Elsie answered brightly. If Mildred doesn't object, be sure I shan't!" "Mildred doesn't object—now," I returned. "Gotten over it? Didn't do any good I suppose?" she chaffed. "Not a bit!" I replied in the same tone. After Clifford had closed the door and we were alone Elsie asked: "Does he leave you alone often?" "Not without waiting," and do you mind?" "Yes, to the first question, and I USED to mind to the second." "But you don't any more?" "No—not any more." "I'm sorry, Mildred, I wish you did." "Well I don't, so save your pity!" I replied bitterly. Kate Alarms the Household. About 11 o'clock Elsie and I went to bed. Kate and Mandy had been asleep for some time. I had scarcely gone to sleep when I was wakened by a shriek. I jumped from my bed and ran into the hall just as Elsie came from the door opposite. "What is it?" she asked, who called. "I don't know! but it sounded as if it were up stairs," I replied, then called, "Kate, Mandy!" "Yes, ma'am, I'm coming!" Kate's voice answered, and she came down the stairs trembling and white as a ghost. "What is it, Kate! What's the matter?" "Oh, we'll all be murdered in our beds that we will," she groaned. "Not just at present Kate," Elsie answered, for we aren't in them." "Kate! tell me what made you scream!" I took hold of the trembling girl and shook her. "There was a burglar up there ma'am. I saw his shadow, and when I screamed he ran down the stairs." "Elsie turned on all the lights and we crept down stairs. We neither heard or saw anything, but a window in the dining room was open. Kate declared it was closed when she went up stairs." "We did not dare go back to bed. So I decided to telephone Clifford. But where could I find him?" (Tomorrow—Clifford Investigates)